

National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Instructions

The Farm Security and Rural Investment Act authorizes the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to provide \$5 million in cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products in obtaining certification under the USDA National Organic Program. The Idaho Organic Program of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) will administer the dissemination of these funds to eligible Idaho organic producers and processors.

Payments to eligible producers will be limited to 75 percent of an individual producer or handler certification costs up to a maximum of \$500. Individual producers and handlers will be reimbursed for costs incurred for certifications issued during the period of October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2006. Applications for cost share funds will be reimbursed in the order they are received and until the funds are exhausted or the eligibility period ends, whichever comes first.

If you have questions or comments, please contact the Idaho Organic Program at (208) 332-8620.

Please submit the following items:

1. National Organic Certification Cost-Share Program Application Form
2. W 9 Form (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification)
3. Copy of current Certificate of Organic Operation and
4. Copy of itemized invoices showing fees assessed for certification.

Mail to:

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